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APPLICANT: Curiel *et al.*

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FOR: Adenoviral Vector Encoding
Pro-Apoptotic Bax Gene and Uses
Thereof

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EXAMINER:

Connell, Y.

DOCKET: D6163

The Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 13, 1999, please enter the following amendments and remarks. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

A ~~Sub B'~~ 1. [A] ~~An inducible~~ recombinant adenoviral vector
encoding a pro-apoptotic bax gene.